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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until October 30, 2003.

Applicants note that this response is being submitted by the initial due date of October 30, 2003, whereby an extension of time and an extension of time fee are not required for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any government fees are required for maintaining the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this response expressly requests and authorizes that any such required fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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